



RECEIVED

DEC 24 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HAMUNEN et al.

Art Unit: 1616

Application No.: 09/926,397

Examiner: B. Badio

Filed: October 25, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 023406-00008

For: PURIFICATION METHOD

#11/Ept Heme
12/29/03
R. Brewer

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of the U.S. PTO
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 18, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for three months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 18, 2003 from September 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003.

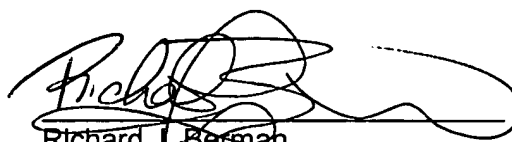
Please find attached a check in the amount of \$1,400.00, \$950.00 of which covers the fee discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 023406-00008.

Respectfully submitted,

12/19/2003 JBALINAH 00000072 09981999

02 FC:1253

950.00 OP


Richard J. Berman
Registration No. 39,107

Customer No. 004372
ARENT FOX KINTNER PLOTKIN & KAHN, PLLC
1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.,
Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036-5339
Tel: (202) 857-6000
Fax: (202) 638-4810